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Saud cites 'positive' Soviet role

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has cited the "positive" role of the Soviet Union in the Middle East and said Saudi Arabia hoped conditions necessary for establishing diplomatic ties with Moscow would arise at some time in the future. In an interview published Saturday by the Paris-based Al Mustaqbal magazine, Prince Saud said the lack of Saudi-Soviet diplomatic ties did not mean "Saudi Arabia does not fully appreciate the Soviet Union's position on the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli dispute." He said letters and consultations between the two countries were being exchanged continuously. "Diplomatic relations are a means of contact governed by specific circumstances which have not been realised with the Soviet Union in the past. We hope they would be realised in the future," he added.

Israel has 100 nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel may have close to 100 nuclear weapons, according to a report by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Georgetown University released here. The study, dated 1982, said Israel had the raw material for 27 weapons. "Israel is reported to have an undeclared nuclear weapons capability (the so-called 'bomb' in the basement) that could be converted into weapons and deployed in a matter of hours," it says. It adds that the date of Israel's nuclear weapons capability is uncertain. It notes that Israel's Dimona reactor has been expanded and that Israel has acquired, substituted amounts of the highly enriched uranium needed for weapons or found a way to produce it. "At the projected rate of an Israeli SNF (Small Nuclear Fuel) reactor, it would take 3-4 years to 50 or 100 than about 25," the study says. The document on the report is dated March 15.

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King congratulates Yugoslavians

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a congratulatory cable to Yugoslav President Vukobratovic Duranovic congratulating him on the occasion of the Yugoslav National Day and wishing him and the Yugoslav people progress and prosperity. King Hussein also sent a congratulatory cable to Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Haichallah congratulating him on Mauritania's National Day and wishing the Mauritanian people further progress and prosperity.

addoumi briefs heysson on PNC

PARIS (R) — A senior Palestinian leader has briefed French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson on the Palestinian National Council (PNC) meetings which concluded Thursday in Amman, ministry officials said Friday. They said Farouk Kaddoumi, who heads the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), met an hour with Mr. Cheysson Thursday during a stop in Paris. Officials said France had been created in hearing first-hand about the eight-day congress, which endorsed efforts to seek a joint Jordanian-PLO approach to Middle East peace settlement.

King urges U.N. to implement resolutions

BAHRAIN (R) — King Hussein said Friday that he would be on peace talks in the Middle East with a just and comprehensive solution of the Palestinian issue. A letter marking the U.N. Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, sent to the United Nations in New York, the king also said that a solution should provide for recovery of Palestinian rights, including that of an independent state on Palestinian soil. He regretted that the day was being marked while the Palestinian people still under the yoke of Zionist aggression, deprived of the right to exercise their legitimate rights. "He called on the United Nations to implement its obligations to the Palestinian people and deter the Zionist aggression."

relatives of detained Lebanese students return Italy

BEIRUT (R) — Relatives of seven Lebanese students arrested in Rome on suspicion of planning a bomb attack on the U.S. Embassy published a communiqué today warning the Italian and U.S. governments against expelling the arrests for what they described as "electoral or political" reasons. In a communiqué, published in Beirut newspapers, the police said on Tuesday they found plans of the U.S. Embassy compound, marking what was thought to be the strong and weak points of its defences, in the case of the men when they were arrested in a Rome suburb. Rome police chief Marcello Monopoli said the men belonged to Islamic and (holy war), a shadowy Muslim fundamentalist group.

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PNC ends, leaving door open towards flexible peace moves

By Lamin K. Andoni
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) ended its 17th session Thursday, entrusting the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to reply to His Majesty King Hussein's call for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian initiative to solve the Palestinian problem and leaving the door open for widened political moves on the part of the Palestinian leadership.

A political report issued at the end of eight days of deliberations over a host of issues, ranging from King Hussein's call for joint initiative to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's controversial visit to Egypt and the organisation's relations with Syria, however reiterated the PLO's rejection of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, but welcomed the King's reaffirmation of his support for the organisation as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and its role in any efforts for peace on an equal footing with all other parties involved in the Middle East conflict.

Despite the obvious reluctance on the part of the PNC to endorse the King's call for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian initiative based on U.N. Resolution 242, the fact that the council, in its political report issued at the end of eight days of deliberations, left the issue to the PLO Executive Committee was seen by observers as a definite sign that the organisation would welcome any peace initiative which would set as preconditions the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

The observers base their conclusions on the composition of the new Executive Committee, most of the members of which are considered moderate and prone to accept solutions for a peaceful settlement which would guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinians to statehood and self-determination.

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Arafat urges joint Arab-PLO efforts

By Salah Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat Friday urged upon the 17th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) with a call for collective Palestinian and Arab cooperation aimed at reaching a settlement to the Middle East problem.

Speaking at a press conference a few hours after an overwhelming vote of confidence from the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, Mr. Arafat said the PLO will proceed with the "political programme" set up by the council "to reach our goals including the return to our (Israeli) occupied territories and establishing our independent Palestinian state."

PNC elects new PLO Executive Committee

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) Thursday elected a new Executive Committee for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and reelected Yasser Arafat as chairman. (See story page 5) The newly-formed committee, which serves as a PLO cabinet, includes 11 members representing PLO factions and independents.

Fateh, the mainstream commando movement within the PLO had three seats for Mr. Arafat, Farouq Kaddoumi and Mahmoud Abbas, and Independents had six seats. The pro-Iraq Arab Liberation Front (ALF) had one seat and the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) one seat. Three seats remained vacant for Palestinian factions which did not attend the 17th session of the PNC.

Independent member Archbishop of the Arab Evangelical Episcopal Church Elias Khouri replaced Dr. Hanna Nasir as Executive Committee member representing Christian Palestinians. He is currently director of the Al-Hilal School in Amman. He is known to be a staunch supporter of Mr. Arafat's Fateh wing.

Deported Mayor of Halhoul Mohammad Milhem is former director of the Professional Training Centre in one of Saudi Arabia's petroleum refineries. He worked as a teacher in Halhoul in the occupied West Bank. Mr. Milhem is a member of the Palestinian National Front and the Palestine Higher Education Council. He was expelled from the occupied West Bank on May 2, 1980 after spending two months in an Israeli prison.

Expelled Mayor of Hebron Fahd Qawasmeh, born in 1939 in Hebron, worked in the education field in the occupied West Bank then became the head of the Science and Research and Agricultural Guidance Department after obtaining a Ph.D. in agricultural engineering. Mr. Qawasmeh became mayor of Hebron in 1976 and was deported by the Israeli authorities in 1980 with Mr. Milhem.



Adel Zwati dies at 62

AMMAN (J.T.) — Adel Zwati, a member of the Lower House of Parliament, died Friday at the age of 62, House Speaker Akel Al Fayed announced.

Lebanese militias battle near Israeli line

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Rival militias battled with mortars and multiple rocket launchers in the hills overlooking Israel's "front line" in South Lebanon Friday. Police said they had no immediate casualty reports.

Kohl cautious over fresh arms talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl cautioned Friday against having "too high expectations" for the January meeting between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

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Mr. Zwati's body will be taken to his hometown of Nabatieh on Sunday.

He noted that a year ago Moscow felt that the Europeans and particularly the West Germans "would not be able to keep their promise on what had been agreed upon by NATO" for deployment

of intermediate range missiles. Although the thrust of Dr. Kohl's discussions in the U.S. will be on East-West affairs, the visitor is expected to raise thorny economic disagreements between the United States and Europe.

The sources said Dr. Kohl would warn Mr. Reagan that only the Soviet Union would benefit if the economies of Western Europe, still suffering from mass unemployment, were further damaged.

Diplomatic sources in Bonn said before Dr. Kohl's departure that the chancellor would express concern over a potential trade war.



KING MEETS PLO LEADERS: His Majesty King Hussein Friday receives members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) newly-elected Executive Committee headed by Yasser Arafat (left) and the speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Seih (to the King's left). The King congratulated the

Executive Committee members on their election. The King also held a private meeting with Mr. Arafat and Sheikh Seih and exchanged views with them on the international situation vis-a-vis the Palestinian problem and the situation in the Arab World (Petra photo)

King: PNC offered opportunity for Jordanian-Palestinian talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — The convening of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which ended its 17th session Thursday in Amman, was an opportunity for frank talks between Jordanian and Palestinian leaders and it also offered a chance for clarifying a number of matters and emphasising Jordan's total commitment to the Palestinian cause, His Majesty King Hussein said Thursday.

King Hussein, addressing a delegation of parliament members representing the West Bank and independent members of the PNC, said that he hoped that a new determination to confront challenges in an effective manner will be ushered in the wake of the PNC meeting in Amman and right and justice can be reestablished.

The delegation was calling on King Hussein to pay tribute to Council Resolution 242, the King said that it presented a good chance for exchanging peace for land and was the only U.N. resolution backed by unanimous vote. "Our duty now is to demand the implementation of that resolution and the establishment of that principle on which we cannot compromise," the King said.

"In my speech to the PNC I referred to the Rabat summit resolution and reiterated the summit's affirmation that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) remains the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," King Hussein pointed out.

"Jordan also supports and is totally committed to other resolutions concerning the Palestinian issue which were passed on which we cannot compromise," the King said.

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Egypt has launched new peace initiative, report says

LONDON (Agencies) — The Egyptian government says it has launched a new Middle East peace initiative that would involve the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) negotiating with Israel through intermediaries, the London-based Jewish Chronicle reported Friday.

The paper's foreign editor Joseph Finklestone said in a report from Cairo that he was given the details in an exclusive interview with Dr. Boutros Ghali, minister of state at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Finklestone quoted Mr. Ghali as saying that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's government is ready to resume talks with Israel on condition that there would be both Jordanian and Palestinian participation.

Mr. Ghali told him: "We know quite well that we face a basic obstacle, in that Israel does not recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the PLO does not recognise Israel."

"There are new scenarios, and one of them is that the Jordanians or certain Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza would receive a mandate from the PLO and would participate in the talks."

Mr. Finklestone said Friday in a radio interview with the British Broadcasting Corp (BBC) broadcast after the report appeared in the paper that the Egyptian initiative has the tacit backing of Saudi Arabia.

He told the BBC that the Egyptians "want to think in terms of an extended Camp David agreement to include not only Israel and Egypt but (also) Jordan and the Palestinians. So therefore we are really thinking in terms of a

much enlarged peace treaty for the Middle East which would have a quite extensive and even revolutionary effect should it actually come into being."

Asked how the PLO would be included, given Israel's refusal to recognise it, Mr. Finklestone replied: "By the PLO delegating their authority either to the Jordanian government or to a group of Palestinians who are moderate in outlook, and it would be they who would negotiate on behalf of the PLO."

"Therefore the PLO and Israel certainly would not sit down at a table but negotiations would be taking place in effect between Israel and the Palestinians."

Asked if the Israelis or the Palestinians would accept this formula, Mr. Finklestone told the BBC:

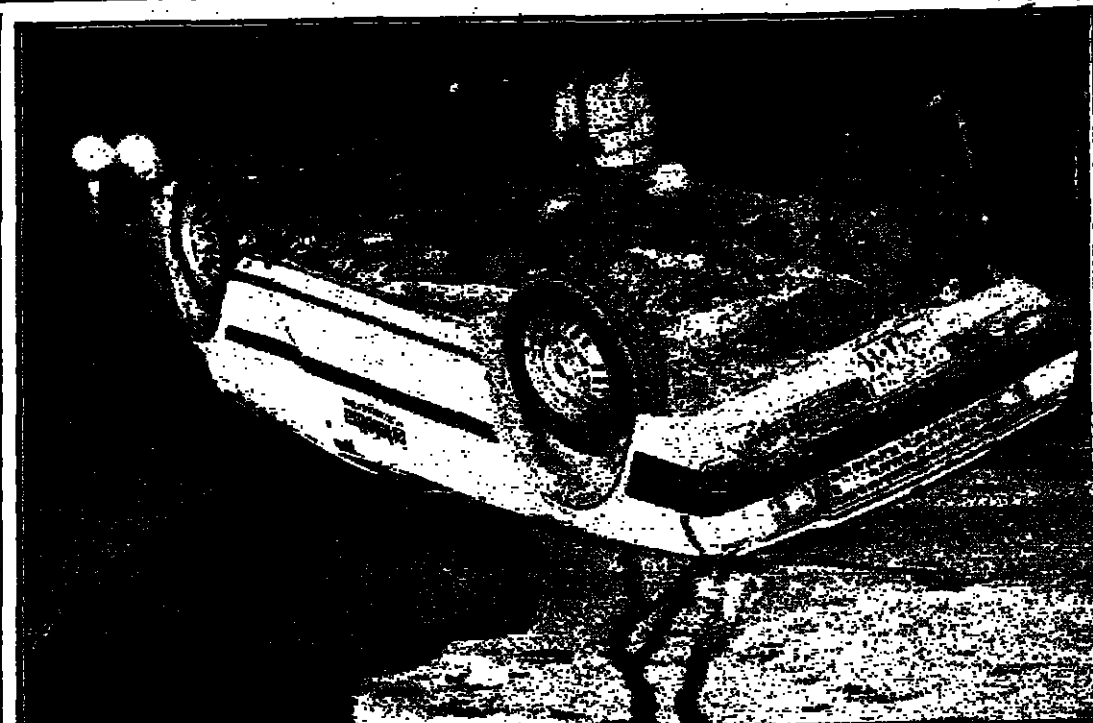
"My impression is that the Palestinians would be ready to accept such a formula because I cannot believe that the Egyptians put forward such a formula without in some way getting a hint from the

Palestinians that they would be agreeable to break the deadlock. "Otherwise the deadlock would never be broken because neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis are ready to make a concession on such a huge scale."

In a separate interview with Mr. Mubarak's chief foreign affairs aide, Osama Al Baz, Mr. Finklestone quoted him as saying the PLO might be prepared to accept Palestinian self-determination for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Such a Palestinian entity would be linked constitutionally with Jordan by a federation and would be close to both Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It would not be hostile to Israel. The question of whether the entity would have armed forces should be discussed between the parties concerned.

In time, the entity would evolve into an independent state with strong links with all Arab neighbours and friendly relations with Israel, Mr. Baz was quoted as saying.



Bad overtaking cause pick-up, car collision on University road

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A collision Friday night on the University highway caused severe damage to two cars but no casualties were reported. The collision took place due to wrong overtaking and to the lack of road signs, eyewitnesses said.

While a car from Baghdad, carrying a temporary admission plate number 48099, and a pick-up carrying a Jordanian plate number 158220 were coming from Amman and heading towards Sweilch, the car wrongly overtook the right side of the pick-up then turned to the left at high speed having neared the turning point where he tried to make a U-turn.

Doing so, the driver lost control of his car causing it to skid left and right. At the same time the pick-up hit the car from the rear causing it to overturn to the other side of the highway.

Police rushed to the collision site to arrange the passage of traffic while the driver was safely pulled out of his overturned vehicle by passing citizens.

Iran, Turkey reportedly reach border deal

ANKARA (R) — Turkey and Iran have reached an understanding not to allow guerrillas to launch attacks across their common border, the Turkish Foreign Ministry has said.

The move was apparently aimed at curbing the activities of ethnic Kurdish guerrillas who live or operate on both sides.

Ministry officials said the understanding was reached here by visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Sheikholeslam and Turkish Foreign Minister,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya, Malta sign security pact

VALLETTA (R) — Libya and Malta have signed a five-year treaty on security and economic cooperation under which both pledge not to join any military alliance that would affect the other's security. The Maltese government Thursday night published the text of the accord, signed here on Nov. 19 during a visit by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi. Under the treaty, Malta, which lies in the Mediterranean south of Italy and north of western Libya, undertook not to allow foreign military bases on the island, nor to allow its territory to be used militarily against Libya.

Algeria reshuffles military commands

PARIS (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has re-ordered the post of army chief of staff and made a major shuffle of military commands, the Algerian News Agency APS, monitored here, reported. Maj.-Gen. Benloucif, who was secretary general of the Defence Ministry, becomes the new army chief of staff, according to a presidential decree quoted by APS. The post was abolished by the late president Houari Boumedienne following a coup attempt in 1967 by the then chief of staff, Col. Zbiri. The appointment of an army chief of staff and new military commands follows the creation of the rank of general in the Algerian army late last month. Two colonels were promoted to the rank of Maj.-Gen. and six others to general. Until recently, the highest rank was colonel, a legacy of the seven-year independence war against France.

Mubarak meets air force officers

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak has held a two-hour session with Egyptian Air Force officers and pilots, shortly after he denied Libyan assertions that Egypt planned aggression against Libya. The official Middle East News Agency said the meeting was held at an airbase but gave no further details. Mr. Mubarak held a similar long meeting on Nov. 24 with his top army chiefs but nothing could be gleaned from defence sources on the two meetings. Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Abdul Salam Al Turabi was quoted by the Libyan News Agency JANA on Sunday as saying in a message sent to the Arab League that Egyptian forces were on maximum alert.

Ethiopian rebels release hostages

KHARTOUM (R) — Three hostages held by anti-government guerrillas in Ethiopia since October have been freed in Sudan, a guerrilla spokesman has said. They were named as Robert John, 35, a Briton, his Finnish wife Eva, 30, and Australian Michael Fintis, 29. They were among 10 people seized on Oct. 19 in Ethiopia's Wollo province by the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (EPRM) when guerrillas of that group and the Tigrean Peoples' Liberation Front (TPLF) attacked the garrison town of Lalibela. The seven others were released earlier but the guerrillas said at the time that three were kept to be taken on a tour of Wollo, alleged to be a region ignored by the government.

Arar leaves for Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Suleiman Arar left for Tunis Thursday at the head of an official delegation to attend the third Arab Interior Ministers' Council session due to open Saturday.

The ministers will discuss in their four-day meeting, cooperation among their countries in social security affairs and combating crime.

The delegation accompanying Mr. Arar includes Col. Mohammad Tarazi, director of criminal investigations at the Public Security Department, Mohammad Al Adwan and Mohammad Hamdan from the Ministry of Interior.

The governors of Balqa and Zarqa who had already left for Tunis will join the delegation in the Tunisian capital.

Israeli government threatened by walkouts

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli cabinet averted a threatened collapse of the three-month-old bipartisan government Friday, persuading a key religious minister to remain in his post.

The controversy involved the distribution of two cabinet seats claimed by representatives of two religious parties in the 25-man cabinet.

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, a minister without portfolio who heads the ethnic party called Guardians of the Jewish Law, had threatened to resign unless he was given either the interior or the Religious Affairs Ministry, as promised to him by Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Herut Party.

The secretary of Herut, the largest party in the Likud Bloc, called for Likud to back out of the coalition government, unless Mr. Peretz were awarded one of the ministries during Friday's cabinet meeting.

"The Likud's credibility is at stake," said Transport Minister Haim Corfu.

Ben Yosef Party of the National Religious Party, the country's most powerful religious politician and also a minister without portfolio, wants both posts for himself. Both parties have four seats each in the 120-member parliament.

Mr. Peretz withdrew his threat to resign after winning assurances from senior government officials that he would be awarded one of the two ministries soon, Israel Radio said.

The dispute between the two religious parties over the ministries almost prevented the establishment of a bipartisan government, because Likud supported Mr. Peretz for the Religious Affairs Ministry, while Mr. Peretz's Labour coalition supported Mr. Burg for the post.

Canada to supply Turkey with Starfighters

ANKARA (R) — Canada will supply Turkey with 20 CF-104 fighter-bombers being phased out of its air force, Canadian Defence Minister Robert Coates said Friday.

He told a news conference the transfer was one of the subjects discussed during what he called useful and positive meetings with Turkish military and government leaders.

Turkey will start receiving the CF-104, the Canadian version of the McDonnell-Douglas Starfighter, under a NATO plan from January 1986, Mr. Coates said.

The Canadian minister, accompanied by senior military officers, had talks Thursday with Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem and Friday with Defence Minister Zeki Yavuzturk and the chief of general staff, General Necdet Urgu. He was also seeing Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Mr. Coates said his talks included parliamentary cooperation and the possibility of forming business councils for the private sector.

He said he had "very significant discussions" on Canada's bid to supply Turkey with 50 De Havilland of Canada Buffalo transport planes and also talked about Canada's hopes of supplying Turkey's first nuclear power station.

Mr. Coates arrived in Ankara Thursday.

Italy is also competing with its Aeritalia G-222 and Casa of Spain with the CN-234.

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited is competing against West Germany's Kraftwerk Union to supply Turkey's first nuclear power station.

GCC summit ends with plan to promote Iran-Iraq dialogue

KUWAIT (R) — A three-day summit of Gulf Arab leaders ended here Thursday with an announcement that the six heads of state had drafted ideas designed to prepare the way for peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

The final statement of the summit said the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, was "prepared to undertake any direct endeavour which might bring about progress towards dialogue and negotiations" between the two warring states.

"In this regard the council drew up ideas it hopes will meet with the required response," the statement, read by GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara, added.

He gave no indication what the Arab states had in mind. GCC officials have already ruled out sending a GCC peace mission to Tehran to plead with the Iranians.

The heads of state appreciated Iraq's response to U.N. resolutions on the four-year-old conflict and called on Iran to contribute to peace efforts, the statement said.

Iraq has repeatedly expressed readiness to negotiate an end to the war, but Iran says it will go on fighting until the Iraqi government is overthrown.

The summit took place only 80 kilometres from the southernmost tip of the Gulf war battlefield, amid expressions of deep anxiety at the continuation of the fighting.

On defence cooperation, the subject which aroused most press speculation during the talks, the communiqué said only that the summit had reviewed the work of specialist defence and security committees.

"It stressed the importance of these achievements, which aim to translate the principle of self-reliance into a tangible reality ensuring that the peoples of the GCC states carry responsibility for their own defence," the communiqué added.

Gulf press reports have said the leaders might decide on a common military command, joint air defence or a Gulf rapid deployment force to intervene if any of the six states were dragged into war. If they did, Mr. Bishara made no reference to it.

The secretary-general did,

however, announce two practical steps towards turning the GCC into a Gulf common market.

He said the six governments had decided to give preferential treatment to goods produced within the region and had agreed on a formula regulating the right of GCC citizens to own real estate in other member states.

Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman, who will be the host at the GCC summit next year, told the final session the GCC's achievements may seem modest so far compared to its aspirations but the alliance could look to the future with confidence.

Diplomats had predicted that the summit would not produce any dramatic results, partly because the interests of the six states are so similar that they can easily contain any differences of opinion that may emerge.

On developments in the wider Arab World, the summit statement said the GCC was willing to take part in attempts to ease tensions between rival Arab states, although it made no specific suggestions as to how this might be done.

Arab Dentists Federation ends meeting

BAGHDAD (Petra) — The 13th conference of the Arab Dentists Federation Thursday concluded its seven-day meetings here and decided to contribute towards a fund for supporting dentists in the occupied Arab territories and to allocate four scholarships in dentistry to students in the occupied Arab territories.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Dr. Walid

Maraga, president of the Jordanian Dentists Association and head of the Jordanian delegation said Jordan's delegation presented three scientific researches dealing with the most modern methods of treating dental diseases.

Dr. Maraga added that among the decisions adopted at the conference were changing the federation's infrastructure and formation of the Higher Council

which grouped two Jordanian dentists, namely Dr. Mohammad Obaidat and Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Haj, in addition to formation of the federation's sub-committees.

The 14th Arab Dentists Conference will be held in Amman in April, 1986, Dr. Maraga said.

Taking part in the conference were dentists representing nine Arab countries.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

"An art exhibition entitled 'Mediations' by Hussein Dal'eh at 5 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (until Dec. 5).

A solo exhibition entitled 'Jordan '84' by Saleh Abu Shindi at the Royal Cultural Centre (Dec. 1-6).

"Woman in Red" at 8:00 p.m. at the Rainbow cinema theatre to be followed by discussion.

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MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. John Al Qaf's (Cliffed Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, carvings, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Muzehab, Jabal Leuzehed. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.
Martyr's Museum (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.
Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Palestine Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2:00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

CHURCHES

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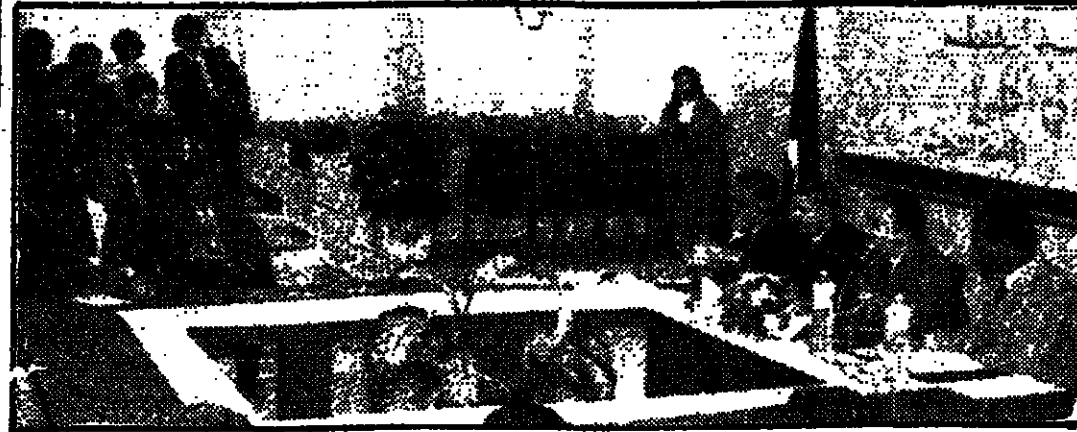
Noor chairs meeting of Jerash festival committee

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday chaired a meeting of the Higher National Committee for the Jerash Festival during which the committee made a comprehensive evaluation of the Third Jerash Festival activities. The committee approved the guidelines of the forthcoming fourth Jerash Festival which will be held in July 1985.

The committee also approved the reappointment of Dr. Mazen Al Aramouti as director of the festival. Queen Noor expressed her

pleasure at the positive results achieved by the festival and for the progress made towards achieving the festival's goals, which include reactivating and highlighting culture and arts in Jordan and establishing interaction which Arab countries and the countries of the world.

The Queen also expressed her hope that the efforts of the various committees of the festival will continue and that the official and private institutions will continue to support this national project.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan addresses a seminar on the problems facing Jordanian expatriates and students held at the University of Jordan on Thursday (Petra photo).

Hassan stresses need for study on expatriate youth

By Rana Sabbagh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan stressed the need for a scientific approach in the study of the problems facing Jordanian youths abroad which he described as a new subject which has not been discussed before.

Speaking at the opening of a seminar on "Problems of Jordanian Expatriate Students and Workers" Thursday, Prince Hassan also said that any approach to study this social problem should be based on facts and figures and not on a descriptive basis.

The seminar, organised by the Forum Humanum-Jordan (FHI) and held at the Faculty of Trade and Commerce at the University of Jordan, discussed three working papers related to the social and political adjustments of expatriate youth.

Prince Hassan said: "We consider manpower as a basic asset. We need to cover all the aspects of this problem since almost 300,000 Jordanian labourers are abroad including students". He added that once reliable information is gathered through civil authority surveys only then can the Ministry of Education and other authorities concerned with youth make a sound judgement based on numbers and not on value judgements.

The Crown Prince also stressed the role of educational texts used in both the preparatory and secondary stages in schools saying: "These texts should refine the students' personality and his patriotism and sense of belonging before these students graduate."

He also suggested that both students and teachers should offer constructive remarks in trying to face and solve the current problems of Jordanian youth. He pointed out that Jordanian youth should have a profound educational background that will assist them in the future. Objective dialogue, direct participation and decision making should be endorsed throughout the educational process, instead of adopting to education as a memorisation process, he said.

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should establish a responsible and objective dialogue, especially if we consider our society as a developed and open society. These objective and responsible dialogues assist in developing patriotism, he added.

Prince Hassan also said that the social adjustment of Jordanian students abroad and the problems faced by them should be of interest and of important significance to the Jordanian universities which should initiate a study with the help of similar institutions abroad. Such a study would assist in understanding the social cohesion of these students when they return, he said. He also stressed the fact that students who study abroad should always remain notified about their homeland news as well as keeping up to date on the news of the countries in which they are living.

Prince Hassan said that low income classes spend so much money to cover their children's tuition fees and living expenses without having the least idea about the problems these children are facing abroad. He also hoped that the Forum Humanum would initiate special dialogue on current problems of social or agricultural policies and military conscription.

Prince Hassan then commented on the seminar and evaluated the three papers. He stressed the Forum Humanum's active participation as a Forum for objective, democratic and responsible dialogue.

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Working papers
Suleiman Arar, deputy prime

Constructive approach

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minister and Minister of Interior, presented a working paper on "Multiplicity of Political Affiliation Abroad." The paper discussed the political problems that Jordanian youth are facing abroad, and the solutions that have been adapted by foreign countries in trying to solve this problem. Mr. Arar's paper said that establishing student unions abroad is not a solution to this problem.

The second working paper was on "Jordanian Students Social Adaptation Abroad," presented by Mr. Walid Maoili. It discussed the social problems Jordanian youth encounter in trying to adjust to their new society. He blamed the Ministry of Education and the Jordanian diplomatic missions for not offering and assisting the students before they leave Jordan and upon their arrival in the new country, a fact which he said is due to the limited budget of both organisations.

A third paper, presented by Mr. Naji Amairah, discussed "The Expatriate's Relation to the Homeland." The paper reviewed the concept of expatriation and the rights and responsibilities of the expatriate.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

WAJ works on Karak water network

KARAK (Petra) — The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) is currently working on replacing the old water network in Karak at the cost of JD 700,000. The project includes the construction of two water reservoirs; one with a capacity of 4,500 cubic metres in Thallajeh area and the other with a capacity of 100,000 cubic metres in Marj area. The project also includes the construction of a pumping station in Marj area, in addition to the main and sub installations. The project will be implemented in eight months.

Badran discusses industrial support

AMMAN (Petra) — The government is keen on supporting the industrial sector and developing it to perform its role in serving the Jordanian economy. Ministry of Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Ibrahim Badran said Thursday. Dr. Badran was speaking following a meeting he held with the chairman of the Amman Chamber of Industry (ACI), Mr. Isam Budier, and a number of industrialists and the ACI board of directors.

Hikmat to open exhibition today

AMMAN (I.T.) — Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Taher Hikmat Saturday will patronise the opening of an art exhibition by Palestinian-born artist Saleh Abu Shindi. The exhibition of drawings and paintings at the Royal Cultural Centre will continue until Dec. 6.

Greek team visits industry chamber

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian-Greek trade and economic relations and ways of strengthening these ties to serve the economy of the two countries were reviewed Thursday during a meeting between the Amman Chamber of Industry President Isam Budier and a visiting delegation from the Athens Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Also discussed was the possibility of setting up joint industrial projects between the two countries.

Bulgarian news delegation arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Bulgarian news agency arrived here Thursday on a several-day visit to Jordan during which they will acquaint themselves with the advancement which Jordan has achieved in various fields. The visit is in the framework of cooperation and exchange of visits between the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, and its Bulgarian counterpart.

Nijm inspects Balqa road, public projects

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Rayef Nijm Thursday said that his ministry has allocated JD 542,000 for Ministry of Public Works projects in Balqa Governorate for the current year. A total of JD 100,000 has been spent on routine maintenance works, JD 22,000 was spent on periodic maintenance and JD 50,000 on construction projects in addition to JD 37,000 on asphalt roads.

Mr. Nijm was speaking after an inspection tour of Ministry of Public Works projects in Balqa Governorate, during which he inspected the progress of work on the Sweileh-Salt road which cost JD 687,000.

During a meeting with the officials in Balqa Public Works Department, Mr. Nijm called for exerting more efforts to expedite the implementation of the projects which are still under construction and instructed officials to draw up a plan for their requirements.

Saket meets teachers in Karak

KARAK (Petra) — Education Minister Hikmat Al Saket said here that his ministry will pay back 50 per cent of any loan given to municipalities by the Cities and Villages Development Bank for the establishment of schools.

Addressing a meeting Thursday for principals of government schools in Karak Governorate, Mr. Saket said that the ministry will also help teachers to buy their own homes by contributing to a special ministry housing fund for teachers.

Abdul Jaber calls for social plan to support needy families

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Tayseer Abdul Jaber Thursday called for drawing up a comprehensive plan to support poor families in Jordan by establishing a special fund for this purpose.

Dr. Abdul Jaber, who was speaking during a meeting with the president and members of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), called for defining the progress of voluntary social work and for setting priorities and projects.

GUVS Executive Council Chair-

man Abdullah Al Khatib stressed that the importance of social work is derived from the dedication of the staff working in the social work field and that GUVS is keen on building relations of coordination with government authorities which support the work of GUVS.

Speaking about the contributions made by GUVS to the various charitable societies in Jordan, Dr. Khatib said that the organisation has distributed JD 50,000 to these societies to support their projects and activities.

Ministry of Awqaf organises Prophet's birthday celebrations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will organise a celebration at the Palace of Culture on Wednesday evening under royal patronage to mark the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday anniversary.

A ministry statement said that Minister of Awqaf Abed Khalaf Daoudieh will be among the speakers on the occasion. According to the statement another religious celebration will be held at the Grand Hussein Mosque in downtown Amman on Tuesday evening in which several religious leaders will give speeches.

Other ceremonies will be held around the country along with seminars and book exhibitions to mark the occasion. Also, the ministry will distribute in-kind assistance to hospitals and to needy families, the statement added.

Court sentences bribers

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Mohammad Taqat and Sameer Issa to three months in prison and fined each of them JD 10 for offering a bribe to government employee to perform an illegal job. The military governor endorsed the sentence.

Shounah collision leaves 17 injured

SHOUNAH (J.T.) — Seventeen people were injured in a road accident which took place Thursday evening when a bus, a motorcycle and a lorry collided near the Shounah triangle in the Jordan Valley area. The casualties were taken to Ma'az Ibn Jabal hospital in Shounah. Rescue teams from the Civil Defence Department and teams from nearby hospitals took part in the rescue operation.



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SINGAPORE AND THE FAR EAST FROM AMMAN

W.Bank mayor describes council as 'successful'

BETHLEHEM (R) — West Bank Palestinian leader, Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, said Friday that the meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) had been successful and called on it to follow through to achieve a full Middle East peace.

The week-long council meetings in Amman ended Thursday night and West Bank and Gaza residents closely followed the proceedings, mostly by way of Jordan Television which is picked up eas-

ily in the Israeli-occupied areas. Mayor Freij told Reuters he felt the "conference was a good one and successful" but added that "we (the Palestinians) must now follow through and take the necessary steps to assure a comprehensive settlement is reached in the area."

He restated a long-held position that "time is not on our side and we must act before there will be nothing to discuss with the Israelis."

PNC contributes nothing towards peace, Peres says

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres contended Thursday that the Palestine National Council (PNC) contributed nothing towards Arab-Israeli peace.

"I cannot point to any decision that changes the situation," Mr. Peres said in a speech to Israeli newspaper editors. "As is usually the case with these assemblies and within the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) itself, there was an attempt to satisfy all sides

without making a real decision," he added.

The Israeli leader said the PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, failed during its sessions in Amman to take a clear position on joining Jordan in a new peace initiative.

"Is the PLO ready to discuss peace based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 242," Mr. Peres asked. "No answer was given and it was decided to debate this further," he said.

Soviets call for PLO unity

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union called on the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Thursday to show unity if it wanted to remain an effective force against Israeli and United States plans in the region.

A telegram to the PLO from the Kremlin and published in the official media marking the 'Day of International Solidarity with the Palestinian People' said that the PLO should show "enhanced cohesion" and close cooperation with Arab nations.

The telegram was addressed to

the PLO as a whole rather than by name to the organisation's leader Yasser Arafat and was signed by a named member of the Kremlin leadership.

Mr. Arafat has enjoyed Soviet support as a stabilising force in the movement, despite opposition to him from Syria, Moscow's closest Middle East ally.

Moscow has repeatedly urged the PLO and other anti-Israeli factions to end internecine strife and to concentrate on the conflict with Israel.

Syria's government papers denounce Arafat's re-election

AMMAN (AP) — The reaffirmation by the PNC for Yasser Arafat as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation has drawn harsh criticism from the Syrian press which gave no indication of optimism for one of Mr. Arafat's reelection mandates: to patch up disputes with Syria.

Syria's government-controlled newspapers unanimously denounced Mr. Arafat's reelection as "illegal" and branded the PLO's new policy programme as "surrender."

The new PLO Executive Committee is illegal since the Palestine National Council, which appointed it, is illegal, said Al Thawra, which speaks for Syrian President Hafez Al Assad's gov-

ernment. "Arafat has dictated his surrenderist document upon the PNC through means of pressure, blackmail and falsification," contended Tishrin, another government-owned newspaper. "He was interfering in every single detail in order to prevent any opposition or even reservation by any member," the newspaper said.

Syria has backed Damascus-based PLO dissident factions that boycotted the meeting of the Palestinian Parliament-in-exile Amman meetings. These groups have charged that Mr. Arafat falsified the council's quorum to get the meetings under way, an accusation that was rejected by the PLO chairman's supporters.

Abu Musa recovers from stroke

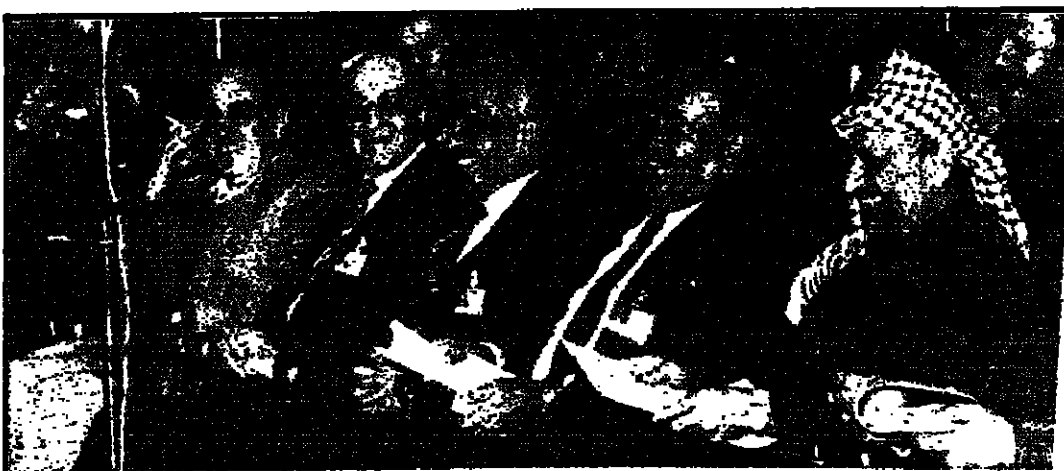
BAALBEK, Lebanon (R) — A military leader of a rebel Palestinian group opposed to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has recovered from a light stroke, Palestinian sources said Friday.

The sources said that Colonel Saeed Musa, known to his men as Abu Musa, suffered a stroke in the East Lebanese town of Taalbaya last week after making a speech against the meeting in Amman of the Palestine National Council (PNC).

They said the stroke was very

light and suffered as a result of exhaustion. He was taken to a hospital in East Lebanon and then spent three days in a Damascus hospital, one of these days in an intensive care unit. The sources said he was now in good health.

Abu Musa led the military revolt within Fateh, Arafat's majority wing of the PLO, that forced Mr. Arafat and his supporters to evacuate east and north Lebanon last year. The Fateh rebels remain opposed to Mr. Arafat's leadership and boycotted the PNC meeting.



ALL SMILES: PNC members and guests share a laugh during the final session Thursday. Those smiling include: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (front right); Executive Committee member Jamal Sorani (second right); Speaker of the Upper

House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi (centre front); Bahjat Talhoumi, member of the Senate and former prime minister (front second left) and Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), member of Fateh Central Committee (front left) (Petra photo)

Za'anoun dismisses Darashe invitation

AMMAN (Agencies) — First Deputy Speaker of the PNC Salim Al Za'anoun, known as Abu Al Adeb, Thursday dismissed reports that the PNC extended an invitation to Israeli Labour Party member, Abdul Wahab Al Darashe to attend the 17th session of the PNC.

Darashe, who gave into political pressure from Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the Israeli government, returned to Tel Aviv from Cyprus where he had been waiting for a flight to Amman to

address the closing session of the PNC in Amman.

Chief Labour whip Rafi Edri said Peres "demanded that I take all the necessary steps to bring Darashe home... after day-long conversations he (Darashe) accepted my appeal and said he would bow to the decision of the (parliamentary) faction and the prime minister."

Darashe, reached by phone in Cyprus, said his decision was also motivated by the fact that the Jordanian government refused to

grant him an entry visa despite an invitation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, "which said it would welcome me with open arms."

Darashe, speaking on Israeli television from Nicosia said Edri's appeal "came before I knew for sure I wouldn't get Jordan's permission... at that stage, as a party member, I decided to come back."

Darashe also said: "I believe this initiative was important, and I will repeat it as soon as I feel it is appropriate."

PNC leaves door open for flexible moves

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than consensus, thereby eliminating the chance of vetoes by any factions over decision adopted by the leadership.

The report described King Hussein's call for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian initiative on the basis of the principle exchanging land for peace as a Jordanian perception "of future joint political moves."

The King's proposals were referred to the Executive Committee "to study along the guidelines of resolutions of the 16th and 17th session of the PNC in order to prepare for future Jordanian-Palestinian political moves within the framework of cooperation with all Arab countries."

The report pointed out certain specific elements in the King's proposals including his stress that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of Palestinian people, that Jordan will not talk on behalf of Palestinians and respects the independent Palestinian decision-making process. But it stated clearly that the PLO considers the Fez peace plan as the basis for Jordanian-Palestinian political moves.

The clause regarding relations with Egypt, unlike the 16th session's resolutions, did not refer clearly to any preconditions for resuming relations with Egypt. The rather ambiguous wording of the clause stated the following:

During its discussions the PNC clarified the constant factors which rule Arab-Egyptian relations and the new developments in Egyptian policies.

The PNC also called on the PLO Executive Committee to "follow a policy which serves the interests of our people in Egypt and the Gaza Strip and aim at enhancing ties between the Egyptian and Palestinian peoples."

The stable factors which rule Egyptian-Arab relations that the report referred to are probably the basis outlined in the political report presented to the council last Saturday by the head of the PLO Political Department, Farouk Kaddoumi.

In his report Mr. Kaddoumi urged the council to endorse a policy which takes into consideration the "positive" changes in Egyptian policies under the leadership of President Hosni Mubarak, the Baghdad Arab summit resolutions which called for ostracising Egypt, and efforts towards a unified Arab stance to help the Egyptian people to disengage Egypt from the Camp David agreements.

During discussions late Wednesday, Mr. Kaddoumi, who was apparently provoked by criticism of his political report, classified the objectives of the new PLO policy towards Egypt.

"You are all talking about means of liberating Palestine but can any one explain how can we do that without Egypt and its political and military weight in the area?" he asked. "Ever since Egypt was removed from the Arab fold the Palestinian revolution has been facing disasters, therefore if we are serious about our national goals we have either to work practically and sincerely for the return of Egypt to the Arab fold through a unified Arab action, or to end the Iran-Iraq war," he said.

The PNC resolutions and general discussions, also reflected a clear shift in the PLO's position towards the four-year-old war between Iraq and Iran. The final communiqué stressed the urgency to end the war and expressed "appreciation and support" for Iraq which had been receptive to and welcoming all initiatives and calls to end the war.

Opponents of the convening the PNC, particularly the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and the Palestinian Communist Party (PCP), however, charged that Mr. Kaddoumi's political report reflected bias towards Iraq against Iran. Mr. Kaddoumi pointed out in his report that one of the differences between the PLO and Syria was the Syrian total support for Iran while Mr. Arafat paid a special respect in his speeches to "the courageous Arab knight (Iraqi president) Saddam Hussein."

During a closed session of the PNC Political Committee last Tuesday — when Mr. Arafat announced his resignation — Mr. Kaddoumi revealed a document saying that the Syrians had confiscated 1000 tons of ammunition sent by China to the PLO through the port of Latakia, and redirected the consignment to Iran instead.

The final report and resolutions indicated that the PLO has succeeded in its aims of convening the PNC in Amman despite Syrian opposition.

According to a senior Fateh official, the PLO wanted once and for all to prove to the Syrians that "the rules that governed their relations previously are over and new ones have been established."

The communiqué stressed that re-establishing relations with Syria is of great importance to the Palestinian struggle but stated that such normalisation "should be based on the principles of a mutual respect of each other's independence."

This message was clearly conveyed in the formation of the new Executive Committee in which Fateh sacked all pro-Syrian factions (although it kept three vacant seats).

A particular clause in the communiqué which defined the meaning of the independence of the Palestinian decision-making process deserves a special note: The clause explained that "the PLO is committed to abiding by the national Arab decision" when it comes to crucial national decision.

The phrase was put there evidently in reply to Syrian charges that "Mr. Arafat wants to be independent in order to join separate and capitulatory settlements."

The communiqué called for the restoration of Palestinian national unity with the independent factions signalling the end of Syrian influence inside the organisation. It did not, however, refer to an Algerian-South Yemeni political and organisational agreement struck between Fateh and four independent factions last July in Algiers.

PNC endorses resolutions, recommendations

Closing session re-elects Arafat, forms PLO Central Committee

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) ended the last day of its eight-day session Thursday with a pledge by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to carry on the fight for a Palestinian homeland.

In a speech he delivered after he was re-elected chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, Mr. Arafat said: "I pledge and vow to my people that we shall keep along the path, carrying our guns despite all plots and difficulties, until we return to Palestine and Jerusalem."

Mr. Arafat won a unanimous vote to head a new 11-member Executive Committee at the closing session of the meeting, known as the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

"We do not fight for the sake of fighting... but international law says that those who face occupation and resist it with all means available," Mr. Arafat said.

In his speech, which was broadcast live on Jordan radio and television, Mr. Arafat directed his words at Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, saying: "We shall fight this Zionist front (Israel) to liberate our land and holy places. I tell our people, everywhere we have a trust with dawn and the dawn is near."

Mr. Arafat said he had a big responsibility and appealed for cooperation. "We must march together until we can hoist the Palestinian flag on the walls, minarets and churches of Jerusalem."

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by the Fez, Baghdad and Amman Arab summits," he said.

King Hussein made it clear that by referring to the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship in his speech he wanted to prevent any attempt by Israel or other Arab states from interfering in this relationship.

"The question of the special relationship concerns the Jordanians and Palestinians alone and therefore should remain beyond the sphere of discussion or debate as the two sides should be allowed the time to concentrate efforts aimed at relieving our kinsmen from further suffering," King Hussein said.

In reply, PNC member Fahd Al Qawasmeh, who was Thursday elected member of the PLO Executive Committee, said that the PNC members had entrusted the delegation to convey their affection, their appreciation and gratitude to the King for patronising the PNC session and for the facilities offered by the Jordanian government and its different services to make their session a success.

Other speakers at Thursday's meeting also voiced their appreciation to the King for his support to the Palestinian cause.

Also on Thursday, the King received at Al Nadwa Palace PNC Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Saeh, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, members of the PLO Executive Committee and the Central Committee of Fateh, the mainstream commando movement, and two deputy speakers of the PNC.

The Central Council submits a report on the PNC works at each session by the specialised committees within the council. It also coordinates work with the Executive Committee.

Thursday's closing session included a debate of resolutions and recommendations submitted by various PNC committees aimed at revitalising the PLO's institutions. Most of the reports submitted by specialised committees were endorsed by the council.

At the conclusion of Thursday's session, the council heard the closing statement which included the guidelines for future PLO activities directed towards liberating the occupied territories.

The president of the Committee for Occupied Territories Affairs at the Jordanian Lower House of Parliament hosted a dinner banquet after the closing session in honour of Mr. Arafat and PNC members.

Central Committee

The council, in its closing session formed a PLO Central Council comprising Executive Committee members, secretaries general of popular organisations and representatives of the factions approved by the PNC and the Executive Committee, in addition to other PNC members.

The Central Council included 25 independent members elected by the PNC and three representatives of the military council. The Central Council has the power to approve or reject resolutions by the Executive Committee after a debate which should be attended by a quorum of two-thirds of the members.

Kaddoumi meets Cheysson

In another development, head of the PLO Political Department Farouk Kaddoumi met in Paris Thursday with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson on his way to New York to attend celebrations of Solidarity Day with the Palestinian people.

During their meeting, the two officials discussed issues related to the works of the PNC in Amman. The Iraqi news agency reported.

Meanwhile, delegations which attended the 17th session of the PNC started returning home Thursday night and Friday.

Arab-Palestinian efforts needed

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in doubt and we have held our council here to fight with our democracy those who opposed the will of the Palestinian people," Mr. Arafat said.

In response to a question on reopening dialogue among various PLO factions, Mr. Arafat said "we will be committed to our constitution and regulations in regards those dissidents who murdered against the revolution."

He said there will be a dialogue only with the parties that signed the Aden-Algeria agreements earlier this year.

On Syrian-Palestinian relations, Mr. Arafat said: "I am not here to prove anything to any one but to carry out the will of the Palestinian people. As for Syria, we open our hearts for them."

New PLO committee elected

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the PNC session here. Farouk Kaddoumi is described as being the PLO's foreign minister. He is one of the founders of the Fateh movement in the '60s before being elected to the Executive Committee in 1969. Since then, he has been among the top decision makers in the PLO. In Thursday's session, he was also elected as head of the PLO Political Department.

Fateh member Mahmoud Abbas who lives in Syria, obtained his Ph.D. on Middle East Affairs from the Soviet Union universities. He published books on Zionism and its relation to current American policies. Dr. Abbas was among those who call for closer Palestinian ties with "progressive" parties.

Jaweed Ghusein, independent, is a successful businessman, working in the United Arab Emirates. He is being elected to the Executive Committee for the first time. PLO representative in Amman Abdul Razzak Al Yulha is known for his flexible stands in dealing with Palestinian political issues. He is appointed Executive Committee member for the first time.

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Over 60 Sri Lankans die as rebels attack 2 farms

COLOMBO (R) — More than 60 people died Friday when separatist Tamil guerrillas attacked two farms in Sri Lanka and fought a battle with a relief column of troops, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, Wickrema Weerasooria, told Reuters that at least 42 civilians were killed in the raids on the farms at Padaviya in north central province.

He said troops rushed to the spot and said about 20 guerrillas had been killed in the ensuing battle.

Mr. Weerasooria said a guerrilla organisation called the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had claimed responsibility for the attacks, launched simultaneously at dawn.

The attacks, involving about 60 rebels, were carried out less than 24 hours after the government announced emergency measures to counter what it called separatist threats to launch a major rebel offensive.

The LTTE is one of about six guerrilla groups operating in northern and eastern Sri Lanka to press for an independent Tamil state.

Prison authorities in Colombo said both farms were rehabilitation centres for former prisoners. About 450 people, including ex-convicts, their wives and children had settled there in the

prohibited zone off the northern coast, a security zone in the northern district and restricting the movement of people in the northern areas.

About 250 rebels attacked a police station in northern Jaffna district last week, killing 27 policemen.

In July last year, the killing of 13 Sinhalese soldiers in a guerrilla ambush in the northern district caused ethnic riots which killed about 400 people, mainly Tamils.

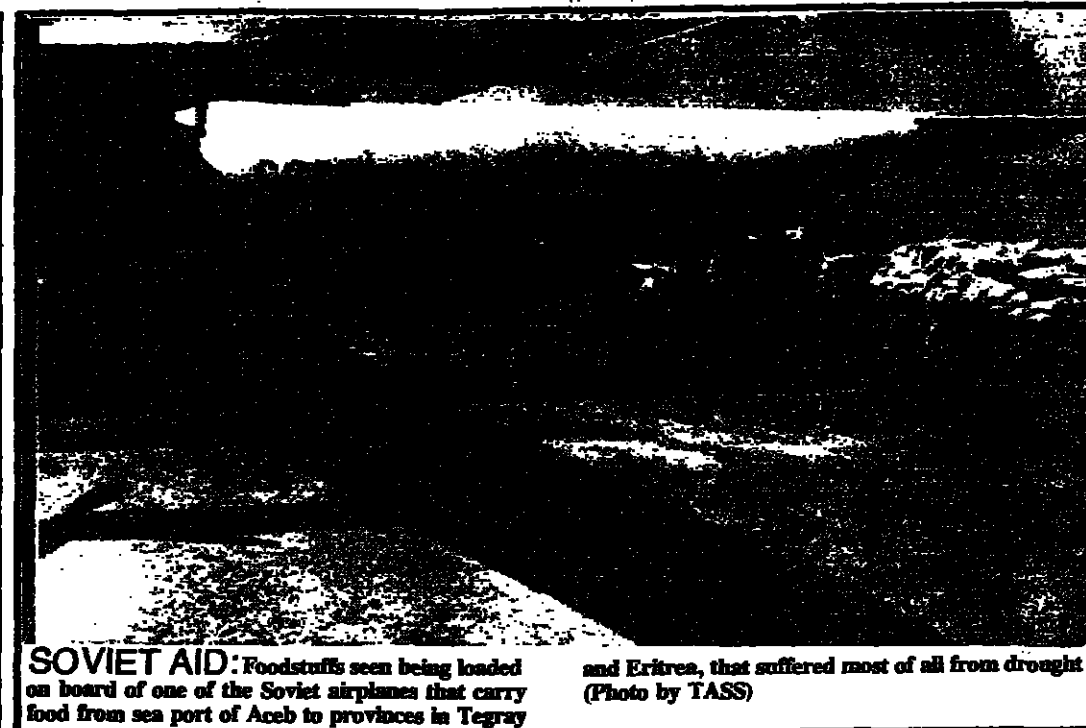
The government Friday night reimposed a 14-hour curfew in the northern Jaffna district and a 12-hour curfew in parts of the island's eastern province.

Mr. Weerasooria said guerrillas blew up a police station at Kankesanthurai in the northern Jaffna district Thursday but it had been vacated the previous day.

Police sources said the Kankesanthurai police station and the Kays police station, also in the northern district, were temporarily closed on Wednesday for tactical reasons.

About 150 policemen in the two stations were moved to other centres in the northern district, they said.

The move followed a major rebel attack on the Chavakachcheri Police Station in the Jaffna district last week in which 27 policemen died.



SOVIET AID: Foodstuffs seen being loaded on board of one of the Soviet airplanes that carry food from sea port of Aceh to provinces in Tigray and Eritrea, that suffered most of all from drought (Photo by TASS)

Poll forecasts small majority for Gandhi

NEW DELHI (R) — The first opinion poll since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called national elections for next month has forecast that his ruling Congress (I) will be returned to power but with a reduced majority.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported that a poll by Dr. Bhaskara Rao showed Mr. Gandhi would win at least 270 and a maximum of 325 of the 514 seats to be contested in the Lower House of Parliament.

Congress won 354 seats in the last general election four years ago.

Mr. Rao polled 8,000 voters in 40 constituencies in seven key northern, western and southern states.

The poll indicated a low voter turnout and close fights in 100 key constituencies.

It said Mr. Rajiv, 40, sworn in as India's youngest leader only hours after his mother Indira Gandhi was assassinated on Oct. 31, has earned widespread acclaim for his handling of nationwide rioting sparked by her death.

Meanwhile Gurcharan Singh Tohra, widely viewed as a hardline leader of India's 12 million Sikhs, was Friday re-elected president of the committee which controls Amritsar's Golden Temple, the

Sikhs' holiest shrine.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported from the holy city of Amritsar that Mr. Tohra, currently in jail, was re-elected president of the Shromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) by temple management officials for the 13th year in succession.

The SGPC supervises administration of Sikh shrines in three northern states, including the Golden Temple where at least 800 people were killed last June when soldiers launched "operation blue star" to root out Sikh separatist guerrillas.

Mr. Tohra and Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Sikh party, the Akali Dal, are held in prison under special emergency powers. They were arrested during the Golden Temple assault.

The independent Times of India newspaper Friday carried a front-page report which said Mr. Longowal wanted to resign. The newspaper said Mr. Longowal had written from jail to an unnamed Sikh leader expressing a desire to quit as party leader.

In Delhi, PTI reported that one of India's two paramilitary services, the Border Security Force (BSF), will receive night vision devices to help paramilitary forces

protect the country's borders.

The BSF, comprising 85 battalions or about 100,000 men, would be expanded with two extra battalions raised in the border states of northern Punjab and western Rajasthan, it said.

The BSF and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force played a key role in trying to quell a separatist guerrilla campaign for an independent Sikh nation in Punjab.

Two Americans have been ordered out of India's northern border state of Punjab, PTI also reported Friday. PTI said L.P. Dierdo and Macian Vachiana were detained by police Thursday in Amritsar for violating a ban on the entry of foreigners into the troubled state.

A magistrate later ordered their release and instructed them to leave the state, it said without giving further details.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said he could not comment on the report.

Canadian Journalist Jonathan Mann was held for one week by police in Punjab earlier this month for defying the ban on foreigners. He was fined \$22 before being freed and ordered out of the state on Nov. 16.

Senate Republican chief meets Reagan

WASHINGTON (R) — Senator Robert Dole has moved quickly to assume his post as Republican leader in the Senate, joining other party chiefs in a meeting with President Reagan at the White House.

"I didn't know I was taking over

so quickly," Sen. Dole told reporters after the meeting. "I looked around for Howard Baker and he wasn't there."

Sen. Dole was elected to succeed Mr. Baker Wednesday by the 53 Republicans who will serve in the 100-seat Senate next year.

His victory, along with that of assistant majority leader Alan Simpson of Wyoming and several other moderates to leadership positions, signals a shift to the center for Senate Republicans and more independence from the White House.

N. Korean reveals China visits

PEKING (R) — North Korean President Kim Il-Sung visited Peking for three days this week to discuss relations with China and ways of reducing tension on the divided Korean peninsula, a Chinese Communist Party spokesman said Friday.

The trip, described by the spokesman as unofficial, took place on Nov. 26-28 and included talks with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and Party Secretary General Hu Yaobang.

It followed a shooting incident along the border between North and South Korea last week. Four soldiers, three North Koreans and one South Korean, were killed in the gunbattle, which began when a Soviet language student dashed across the military demarcation line to defect to the South.

North Korea postponed trade talks with South Korea until next year after the incident.

Spokesman Wu Xingtang, a member of the International Liaison Department of the party's Central Committee, told a press conference China wanted to see a reduction of tension between the two Koreas.

VATICAN CITY (R) — The foreign ministers of Chile and Argentina have signed a Vatican-mediated treaty to settle their Beagle Channel dispute and said it was a just pact that showed nations could resolve conflicts peacefully.

The ministers, Dante Caputo of Argentina and Jaime Del Valle of Chile, signed the treaty in a state ceremony in the 16th-century Sala Regia Hall of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace.

Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli said the treaty was "a great joy" for Pope John Paul. He renewed the Vatican's offer of mediation to solve world conflicts.

E. Germany announces defence rise

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany Friday announced a 6.7 per cent increase in its defence budget following Moscow's 12 per cent boost for Soviet Armed Forces earlier this week.

Prime Minister Willi Stoph, presenting the 1985 budget at a twice-yearly meeting of the National Parliament, said East Germany "would do everything it could to block the path of the most aggressive circles of world imperialism, especially the United States, in their crusade against socialism."

Western diplomats said the rise in defence spending to 13.041 billion marks (\$4.347 billion) appeared to have been discussed during a meeting between East German leader Erich Honecker and the Soviet Chief of Staff of Warsaw Pact Armed Forces.

The Soviet Parliament set a 1985 budget on Tuesday calling

for a 12 per cent increase for defence.

But the full extent of spending on armed forces in East Europe is often masked by involvement of industries not directly categorised under security.

Western diplomats said East German rises in defence spending were probably intended to cover contributions to stationing new Soviet nuclear missiles here.

New Caledonian whites urged to strike

NOUMEA (R) — White settlers were Friday asked to stage a protest strike Saturday after further chaos in the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia, where a farmer died in a shootout with black militants seeking independence.

The farmer was killed Friday in gunfire between whites and Kanak tribesmen manning one of the hundreds of roadblocks set up to disrupt the territory, police said.

It was the first death since the militant Melanesian Kanaks, outnumbered by settlers, launched their disruptive tactics two weeks ago.

Roger Laroque, mayor of the capital Noumea, then called on the city's 54,000 whites to turn the city into a "dead area" by going on

strike Saturday in protest.

In a statement on television, Mr. Laroque also called on whites to be "ready" if Kanaks form a planned provisional government in the territory Saturday. He did not elaborate.

And Dick Ukeiwe, president of the new anti-independence party dominated local National Assembly, flew to Paris Friday to urge President Francois Mitterrand to order tougher action.

The troubles erupted with the Nov. 18 election of the assembly, set up to run the territory with a high degree of autonomy until a referendum in 1989 on independence.

Kanaks want earlier full independence and say they would lose the referendum because they

NATO chief hopes progress will impress U.S.

BRUSSELS (R) — Secretary General Lord Carrington hopes the NATO alliance will next week take important steps to improve basic non-nuclear defences and impress critics in the United States Congress.

Defence ministers from 14 NATO countries, all except France and Iceland, are expected to agree next Tuesday and Wednesday on a major increase in joint spending on ground facilities and pledge to remedy critical shortages of ammunition.

In an interview with Reuters, Lord Carrington recalled these were priorities set by Senator Sam Nunn in an amendment narrowly defeated last June that threatened U.S. troop withdrawals unless the European allies did more for their own conventional defence.

"If we pledge ourselves to try to put those things right, I think there is a very good chance that Senator Nunn will feel that the alliance and in particular the Europeans are doing some of the things he felt necessary," he said.

Ministers are set to approve a fund of \$7.85 billion to upgrade NATO's military infrastructure of fuel pipelines, communications, airfields and equipment dumps over the next six years. U.S. officials say this represents a real increase of about 40 per cent over the previous programme.

Less glamorous than new planes or tanks, these basic defence facilities are essential to NATO's strategy of bringing massive reinforcements of men and aircraft to Europe from North America in a time of crisis or war.

Sen. Nunn and other Senate critics say there is no point in the U.S. sending over some 1,100 planes worth \$50 billion if there are no facilities to accommodate them and if the European allies run out of ammunition in the early days of a conflict.

Lord Carrington said he hoped some of the extra NATO funds would be used to speed up airfield improvements and build hardened shelters. He also forecast a commitment to deal with shortages of ammunition and war reserve stocks.

NATO guidelines call for nations to hold munitions for 30 days' fighting but only the U.S. meets that goal at present and some allies could fight for only about 10 days, officials say.

Doctors separate Siamese twins

GALVESTON, Texas (R) — Doctors have separated newly-born Siamese twin girls and said they appeared to be doing well.

"I'm real pleased with everything that's gone on so far," said Dr. Thom Lobe, head of a 12-member team which worked for 18 hours to separate the girls. They had been joined from the breastbone to the navel and shared the liver and the small intestine. Dr. Lobe told a news conference at the University of Texas medical branch that the girls, named Alma and Ashley, might be able to spend Christmas at their home in Beaumont. He said the liver was big enough to be split between the girls. The small intestine was also divided. Both girls had strong hearts, he added.

U.S. approves private global satellite systems

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has agreed to let private U.S. firms set up international communications satellite systems, the Commerce and State Departments said. Approval by U.S. regulatory officials of applications for private systems was likely to follow, an administration official said. The private satellite systems are opposed by Intelsat, the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation, which has a monopoly on international satellite communications. Intelsat is a consortium of 109 member countries, including the United States. In a letter to the Federal Communications Commission, the Commerce and State Departments said Mr. Reagan "has determined that separate international communications satellite systems are required in the national interest". They said new systems should be approved on condition they serve only private networks and are coordinated with Intelsat.

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Dinosaurs reportedly killed off by radiation

MOSCOW (R) — Dinosaurs may have been killed off by radiation due to a sharp increase in the uranium content in the lagoons where they lived, according to the findings of a Soviet scientist published Thursday. The weekly Moscow News cited geologist Sergei Neruchev as saying his theory was based on research showing that the extinction of the prehistoric creatures coincided with a period of high natural uranium levels in rocks and water. Biologists had already shown that living cells "soaked up" uranium and it was plausible that the dinosaurs had gradually absorbed so much radiation that it killed them, he said. Neruchev said his theory was supported by analysis of dinosaur fossils that showed they had an unusually high uranium content. It appeared that natural uranium levels reached a peak every 30 to 40 million years, causing extinction among animals and plants.

Opel Kadett chosen as car of the year

PARIS (R) — The Opel Kadett was named car of the year, beating the Renault 25 and Lancia Thema in a poll of 51 motoring journalists from 16 European countries. The Kadett scored 326 points, the Renault 267 and the Lancia 161. The Honda Civic, fourth with 178 points, was the first of seven Japanese cars that made the 15-strong classification. The annual poll was first held in 1963, when it was won by the Rover 2000. Last year's winner was the Fiat Uno. The French sports daily L'Equipe, one of six European publications that organised the poll, published the results Thursday.

Gunman kills 2 in Hamburg station

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — Two men were killed and one was seriously hurt when a man with a pistol ran amok at a railway station in the Altona district of Hamburg, police said. Police said a 25-year-old Turk had been arrested, but there was no clue as to the motive for the shootings.

Hitler painting sold

LONDON (R) — A watercolour of a Bavarian village by Adolf Hitler was sold for £4,200 (£7,160) by a British collector at an auction of Nazi wartime memorabilia recently.

Hawke set for landslide

SYDNEY (R) — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke looks set for a landslide win in Saturday's general election despite a late surge in the popularity of opposition leader Andrew Peacock, a last-minute opinion poll said Friday.

The poll, published in the Australian newspaper, showed voter support for Mr. Hawke's Labour government unchanged from last weekend at 51 per cent, nine per cent more than the National-Liberal opposition coalition.

But Mr. Peacock's personal rating rose from 37 per cent to 54 per cent against Mr. Hawke's 69 per cent after Monday's live television debate between the two leaders. Early last month Mr. Peacock was rated the least popular federal leader in Australian history.

A Morgan Gallup telephone poll said support for Labour would give the government a record majority of nearly 50 seats in an expanded 148-seat House of Representatives (lower house).

But his hopes of gaining control of the Senate (upper house) could be dashed by fledgling anti-nuclear party which has siphoned off Labour votes in half the 76 seats being contested, according to the polls.

Mr. Hawke, who has campaigned on his government's achievements during 20 months in office, made an emotional appeal to Labour voters not to support the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP) in his final campaign address Thursday.



Bob Hawke

The Morgan poll showed support for the NDP stood at nine per cent which under the proportional representation voting system would be enough to leave the balance of power with the small independent Australian Democrats.

Mr. Hawke already has a 25-seat majority in the lower house following his election win in March 1983. He hoped that by calling early polls to combine voting for both chambers he would swing the upper house in his favour.

But the NDP has taken votes away from Labour and could give one of its leaders, Peter Garrett, a rock singer, a Senate seat.

Mr. Hawke said earlier this week that an obstructionist Senate "with the power to delay legislation would make government more difficult but added that he was still optimistic Labour would have a majority in both houses.

The polls open at 8 a.m. (2100 GMT Nov. 30) and close at 6 p.m. (0700 GMT.)

First results are expected by 8 p.m. (0900 GMT) and first computer predictions by 9 p.m. (1000 GMT). The result of the election should be known around 10 p.m. (1100 GMT.)

N. Zealand opposition sacks Muldoon

WELLINGTON (R) — Former Prime Minister Sir Robert Muldoon, a dominant force in New Zealand politics for the last decade, was dismissed as leader of the opposition National Party and replaced by his deputy, Jim McLay.

Mr. McLay, 39, a former lawyer was one of five candidates in the ballot held by national MPs Thursday following the party's sweeping defeat by Labour in July.

Mr. McLay, the deputy prime minister under Mr. Muldoon, immediately promised a new style of leadership and said he would rebuild the party to win the next election.

A nationwide poll on the eve of leadership ballot showed National led by Mr. McLay running well ahead of Labour, but behind under Mr. Muldoon.

Mr. Muldoon, 63, told reporters Thursday he would stay in parliament as "an elderly backbencher" but would quit as opposition finance spokesman.

Asked if his sacking was the hardest blow in a long political career, he replied: "I can't remember the toughest, but this isn't even one of them."

His departure was welcomed by many party officials. Former Prime Minister Sir John Marshall said he expected disaffected supporters to return to National under Mr. McLay and his deputy, former Labour Minister, Jim Bolger, 49.

4 injured, 92 arrested in one-day Peruvian general strike

LIMA (R) — Four people were reported wounded and police said 92 were arrested during a one-day general strike which disrupted key sectors of the economy throughout Peru.

Presidential Secretary Frank Valcarcel said the stoppage Thursday, in protest against government austerity policies, was almost total in some parts of the country.

Labour leaders said 90 per cent of the unionised workforce joined in. But Labour Minister Joaquin Leguia said only 14 per cent of private sector workers heeded the strike call.

The minister said about a third of civil servants in several ministries stayed away from work. Protesters used rocks to block two major highways in the central Andes. In the capital, riot police cleared barricades of flaming tyres on five major avenues, eyewitnesses said.

An 18-year-old girl was seriously injured in an explosion Thursday and a youth was hit by a bullet, hospital sources said. Two youths were wounded in a gun battle between students and police at a Lima University, witnesses said.

Chile, Argentina sign Beagle Channel treaty in Vatican

VATICAN CITY (R) — The foreign ministers of Chile and Argentina have signed a Vatican-mediated treaty to settle their Beagle Channel dispute and said it was a just pact that showed nations could resolve conflicts peacefully.

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1978 and said the treaty was a triumph of reason, diplomacy and peace.

Mr. Del Valle called the treaty "a just, equitable and honourable solution," adding that it had all the elements to help the two nations toward economic cooperation and social development.

Mr. Caputo said the treaty "not only constitutes an example for the people of our region but also for the world. To reach peace by diplomatic means is an exceptional fact that absolutely everyone must recognise."

The Argentine minister, who embraced his Chilean counterpart after the signing, said the treaty showed that political maturity could prevail over passions and

intransigence.

In his address, Cardinal Casaroli said the Vatican was always ready to help nations cope with "the difficulties of the problems of peace" that disturb mankind.

The treaty grants three tiny islands at the southern tip of South America to Chile but delineates territorial waters according to Argentine claims.

Argentines overwhelmingly approved the treaty on Sunday in a referendum in which it was supported by 77.5 per cent of voters.

Argentine President Raul Alfonsín had asked for popular approval of the treaty as a step toward Latin American unity which would reduce weapons spending and allow more resources to be

diverted to humanitarian needs.

Agreement on the text of the treaty and the referendum results were major victories for Mr. Alfonsín, who assumed office last year after eight years of military rule.

Vatican and diplomatic sources in Rome gave much credit to the Alfonsín government for the breakthrough in the mediation last January, when Mr. Caputo and Mr. Del Valle signed a declaration of friendship and peace at the Vatican.

The treaty, which has to be passed by the Argentine Congress and ratified by the Chilean parliament, was signed in the presence of the Argentine minister, who embraced his Chilean counterpart after the signing, said the treaty showed that political maturity could prevail over passions and

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COMBINE YOUR CHANCES

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ J10753
♥ 85
♦ A3
♥ K64

WEST EAST
♦ 6 ♦ 92
♥ K1073 ♥ J9642
♦ 10875 ♦ K9
♦ J1097 ♥ Q832

SOUTH
♦ AKQ84
♥ AQ
♦ Q642
♥ A5

The bidding:
North East South West
3 Pass 1 Pass
4 Pass 4 Pass
4 Pass 6 Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠.
Looking at the North-South hands, it might seem that, unless diamonds break 3-3, South will need the heart finesse to make his spade slam. But, in the words of the Gershwins, "It ain't necessarily so."

Even though North was a passed hand, South had slam aspirations. He could not use Blackwood because of his two fast losers in diamonds, so he started a cue-bidding sequence. When North cooperated by showing the ace of diamonds, South bounced into slam.

West led the jack of clubs. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps in two rounds, cashed the king of clubs and ruffed dummy's remaining club. It might seem that declarer should now take the diamond finesse, but that has an obvious drawback. If the finesse loses, East will surely shift to a heart. Declarer will then have to decide whether to take the heart finesse or play for a 3-3 diamond division.

After some study, declarer realized that, if West had the king of diamonds, he didn't need the finesse! Declarer led a diamond to the ace and returned a low diamond. Had East played low, declarer would have inserted the queen. If West takes the king, his only safe return is a diamond. Declarer will have time to see if diamonds are 3-3 before his ace of hearts is forced out.

As the cards lie, East must win the second diamond. Declarer wins the heart return, cashes the jack of diamonds, then gets back to his hand with a trump to discard the table's remaining heart on the queen of diamonds. Declarer has succeeded in combining his lines of play without giving up anything.